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THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ALBERTA

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AN ACT TO AMEND THE AMUSEMENTS ACT

MR. TAYLOR

First Reading

Second Reading

Committee of the Whole

Third Reading

Royal Assent

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(Assented to _____, 1978)

HER MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. *The Amusements Act is amended by this Act.*
2. *Section 2(a) is repealed and the following is substituted:*
 - (a) "amusement" means a contest, dance, entertainment, exhibition, game, performance, program, show or other display or device provided for the diversion of the public, including displays or devices produced electrically, electronically or mechanically or by any combination thereof;
3. *The following is added after section 22:*

22.1 The Minister may order any amusement which is displayed to or operated by or available for display to or operation by members of the public to be referred to the censor or board of censors appointed pursuant to section 15.

22.2 The censor or board of censors may permit or prohibit the display or operation by the public of any amusement referred to them pursuant to section 22.1 or may permit the display or operation on the condition that no children shall be present at the place of or at the time of the display or operation.

22.3 No person shall rent, lease, sell, or agree to rent, lease or sell an amusement that has been referred by the Minister to the censor or board of censors until the censor or board of censors has determined that it shall be permitted to be displayed or operated.

22.4 No person shall display or permit to be operated any amusement that has been referred by the Minister to the censor or board of censors until the censor or board of censors has determined that it shall be permitted to be displayed or operated.

Explanatory Notes

General:

This Bill provides authority to censor games such as those that entertain by the simulated killing of human beings.

1. This Bill will amend chapter 18 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta, 1970.

2. Section 2, clause (a) presently reads

(a) 'amusement' means a contest, dance, entertainment, exhibition, game, performance, program or show;

3. Referral of certain amusements to the censors.

22.5 Where the censor or board of censors has determined that an amusement may be displayed or operated only in a place or at a time where children are not present, no person shall display the amusement or permit the amusement to be operated when or where children are present.

22.6 A certificate containing

- (a) the name of the amusement,
- (b) the name of the producer or manufacturer, and
- (c) a licence number

shall be issued by the Minister in respect of all amusements permitted by the censor or board of censors to be displayed or operated pursuant to this Act.

4. Section 29 is amended by adding the following after clause 25:

26. Expanding the application of section 2(a) to other forms of amusements or diversion or sport where the referral of such items to the censor or board of censors is deemed to be in the public interest.

5. This Act comes into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

4. Adds power to amend definition of “amusement” by regulation.